

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of The Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a case, ~~characterized in that~~ the method comprising comprises:

~~a first step of preparing a sheet material;[[,]] [[and]]~~

~~a second step in which making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material is made thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material, so as to form the circumferential portion as a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product; and~~

~~forward drawing the intermediate product so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case to simultaneously form the peripheral wall and the bottom of the case.~~

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

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8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method as claimed in of claim 5, further comprising:
~~wherein forward drawing [[an]] the intermediate product obtained by the second step is forward drawn to form a case peripheral wall, and then is also done to form an internal boss.~~

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method as claimed in of claim 5, further comprising:
~~wherein forward drawing [[an]] the intermediate product obtained by the second step is forward drawn to simultaneously form the case peripheral wall and the internal boss and the peripheral wall of the case.~~

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a cup-shaped case having an internal boss, characterized in that the method comprising comprises:

~~a step of preparing a sheet material[[,]];~~

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a step of making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material to form a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product, and simultaneously stamping-forming a concavity in the center portion of the material[,]; and

a method of forward drawing an intermediate product obtained by the stamping-forming to form a cup-shaped case having a bottom that is thicker than a peripheral wall so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case.